

Cooperative Spectrum Sensing Technique Based on Blind Detection Method

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Abstract— Spectrum sensing is a key task for cognitive radio. Our motivation is to increase the probability of detection of spectrum sensing in cognitive radio. The spectrum-sensing algorithms are proposed based on the statistical methods like EVD, CVD of a covariance matrix. In this Two test statistics are then extracted from the sample covariance matrix. The decision on the signal presence is made by comparing the two test statistics. The Detection probability and the associated threshold are found based on the statistical theory. In this paper, we study the collaborative sensing as a means to improve the performance of the proposed spectrum sensing technique and show their effect on cooperative cognitive radio network. Simulations results and performances evaluation are done in Matlab and the results are tabulated.

Keywords— Cooperative Spectrum, Cognitive radio, Spectrum Sensing, Eigenvalue-based Detection.

I. INTRODUCTION

The electromagnetic spectrum comprises of frequency spectrum with varied bandwidths. The radio frequency spectrum involves electromagnetic radiation with frequencies between 300 Hz to 3000 GHz. The use of electromagnetic spectrum is licensed by governments for wireless and communication technologies. Spectrum scarcity is the main problem as the demand for additional bandwidth is going to increase. Measurement studies have shown that the licensed spectrum is relatively unused across many time and frequency slots. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) published a report prepared by Spectrum Policy Task Force (SPTF) This report indicates that most of the allotted channels are not in use most of the time and some are partially occupied while others are used most of the time. One of the most important and recommended solution for the problem of spectrum scarcity is cognitive radio (CR) as described by Joseph Mitola in his doctoral dissertation Cognitive radio technology is considered as the best solution because of its ability to rapidly and autonomously adapt operating

parameters to changing requirements and conditions. Main functions of cognitive radio are spectrum sensing, spectrum management, spectrum mobility and spectrum sharing.

Spectrum sensing detects the unused spectrum. There are several spectrum sensing techniques that were proposed for cognitive radio. These techniques are mainly categorized into two:

- 1) Blind sensing techniques
- 2) Signal specific sensing techniques

While the blind sensing techniques don't need any prior knowledge about the transmitted signal, signal specific sensing techniques need some information about the features of the signal such as carrier frequency, symbol period, modulation type, etc. This classification leads to decide whether one of these choices best fit the CR. The method does not need channel and signal information as prior knowledge. has better performance compared with eigenvalue without noise power. The proposed method has a higher probability of detection at low SNR compared with Maximum eigenvalue. In this paper a new scheme of the algorithms are implemented using random matrix theories (RMT) which produce accurate results. The sensing based on the concept of sample covariance matrix and eigenvalues is proposed. The ratios of distributions and probabilities of detection (P_d) and the probabilities of false alarm (P_{fa}) are calculated for the proposed algorithms. Thresholds values for given P_{fa} are also established. Also several simulations are done based on the sample covariance matrix we extract the test statistics and compare the results..

The rest of this paper is organized as follows: The detection algorithms and in Section II and Section III gives the performance analysis and finds thresholds for the algorithms. Simulation results for various types of signals are given in Section IV. Conclusions are drawn in Section V.

II. SPECTRUM SENSING BASED ON STATISTICAL MODEL

The system comprises of a receiver/detector with an antenna which is connected to signal processing unit to process the signal. The received signal is sent to the processing unit by an antenna. For detecting the signal, we have used hypothesis testing. There are two hypothesis namely H_0 or null hypothesis and H_1 or alternate hypothesis. H_0 is the representation for signal which is not present or the signal which only has noise. H_1 is the representation where both signal and noise are present at same time. The probability of detection and the probability of false alarm are important for channel sensing. Probability of false alarm (P_{fa}) describes the presence of the primary user at the hypothesis H_0 where as probability detection (P_d) describes the presence of the primary user signal at the hypothesis H_1 . Blind Signal Processing is one of the spectrum sensing approaches which do not depend on the information of the primary signal or noise and hence they are called as blind detection schemes. Two of the most popular blind detection schemes are the following :

- Covariance based spectrum sensing
- Eigen value based spectrum sensing

III. COVARIANCE BASED SPECTRUM SENSING

Let $x_c(t) = s_c(t) + \eta_c(t)$ be the continuous-time received signal, where $s_c(t)$ is the possible primary user's signal and $\eta_c(t)$ is the noise. $\eta_c(t)$ is assumed to be a stationary process satisfying

$$E(\eta_c(t)) = 0, E(\eta_c^2(t)) = \sigma^2\eta, \text{ and } E(\eta_c(t)\eta_c(t+\tau)) = 0 \text{ for any } \tau \neq 0.$$

We are interested in the frequency band with central frequency f_c and bandwidth W . We sample the received signal at a sampling rate f_s , where $f_s \geq W$. Let $T_s = 1/f_s$ be the sampling period. For notation simplicity, we define $x(n) \Delta = x_c(nT_s)$, $s(n) \Delta = s_c(nT_s)$, and $\eta(n) \Delta = \eta_c(nT_s)$.

There are two hypotheses:

- 1) H_0 , i.e., the signal does not exist, and
- 2) H_1 , i.e., the signal exists.

The received signal samples under the two hypotheses are given by

$$H_0 : x(n) = \eta(n) \quad (1)$$

$$H_1 : x(n) = s(n) + \eta(n) \quad (2)$$

respectively, where $s(n)$ is the transmitted signal samples that passed through a wireless channel consisting of path loss, multi path fading, and time dispersion effects; and $\eta(n)$ is the white noise, which is having mean zero and variance

$\sigma^2\eta$. $s(n)$ can be the superposition of the received signals from multiple primary users. No synchronization is needed here. diagonal elements of \mathbf{R}_x should be nonzeros.

3.1 Covariance Based Spectrum Sensing Algorithm outline

Step 1 : The received signal is sampled, as described above.
Step 2 : Choose a smoothing factor L and a threshold γ_1 , where γ_1 should be chosen to meet the requirement for the probability of false alarm.

Step 3: Compute the autocorrelations of the received signal $\lambda(l)$, $l = 0, 1, L-1$, and form the sample covariance matrix.

Step 4: Compute $\hat{r}_{nn}(Ns)$ where $\hat{r}_{nm}(Ns)$ are the elements of the sample covariance matrix $\hat{\mathbf{r}}_x(Ns)$. Step 5: Determine the presence of the signal based on $T_1(Ns)$, $T_2(Ns)$, and threshold γ_1 . That is, if $T_1(Ns)/T_2(Ns) > \gamma_1$, the signal exists; otherwise, the signal does not exist.

3.2 Eigen value based detection Eigen values are scalar values called lambda (λ) of a square matrix A , if there is a nontrivial solution of a vector x called eigen vector such that: $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$ Or $(A - \lambda I) = 0$. The idea of Eigen values is used in signal. Detection is to find the noise in signal samples by finding the correlation between samples. Ideally noise samples are uncorrelated with each other. When there is no signal, the received signal covariance matrix become identity matrix multiply by noise power ($2I$) which results all Eigen values of the matrix become same as noise power. The main advantage of Eigen value based technique is that it does not require any prior information of the PU's signal and it outperforms Energy detection techniques, especially in the presence of noise covariance uncertainty.

3.3 Eigen value Detection Algorithms:

3.3.1 Maximum-Minimum Eigen value (MME) Detection:

The algorithm steps for this detection method is as follow:

Step 1: Covariance Matrix of the received signal is calculated

Step 2: Maximum and Minimum Eigen values of the Matrix (λ_{\max} , λ_{\min}) are computed

Step 3: Decision: If $\lambda_{\max}/\lambda_{\min} > \gamma_1$ "Signal exists" else "Signal doesn't exist" where γ_1 Threshold value for MME

Threshold value (γ) is set using Tracy-widom distribution which is adaptive technique to set the threshold and it is given by

$$\gamma = \frac{(\sqrt{N} + \sqrt{L})^2}{(\sqrt{N} - \sqrt{L})^2} \left(1 + \frac{(\sqrt{N} + \sqrt{L})^{-2/3}}{(NL)^{1/6}} F_1^{-1}(1 - P_{fa}) \right)$$

3.3.2 Energy with Minimum Eigen value (EME) detection:

The algorithm steps for this detection method is as follow:

Step 1: Covariance Matrix of the received signal is calculated

Step 2: Average power P_{avg} of received matrix is calculated

Step 3: Minimum Eigen values of the Matrix (λ_{min}) is computed

Step 4: Decision: If $P_{avg}/\lambda_{min} > \gamma_2$ "Signal exists"
else "Signal doesn't exist" where γ_2 Threshold value for EME

Threshold value (γ_2) is set using yamma distribution which is adaptive technique to set the threshold and it is given by:

$$\gamma_2 = \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{M N_s}} Q^{-1}(P_{fa}) + 1 \right) \frac{N_s}{(\sqrt{N_s} - \sqrt{ML})^2}$$

3.5 Cooperative Spectrum Sensing

In data combination method, each SU make local decision based on its observed values compared with the chosen threshold, and then forward the local decision, denoted $D_i \in \{0,1\}$, to the FC to identify the PU is present or not. There are usually three combination method based on the decisions come from different cooperative users, such as OR rule, AND rule and K-out-of-N rule. For OR rule, if there just one SU to identify that the PU is active, the FC will declare the PU active. Thus the cooperative probability of detection Q_d and probability of false alarm Q_f are

$$Q_d = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^N (1 - P_{d,i})$$

$$Q_f = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^N (1 - P_{f,i})$$

where $P_{d,i}$, $P_{f,i}$ are the SU local probability of detection and probability of false alarm, N is the number of cooperative users.

Assume each SU achieves identical P_d and P_f in the local spectrum sensing (i.e., $P_d = P_{d,i}$, $P_f = P_{f,i}$ $i=1,2,\dots,N$). The cooperative probability of detection and probability of false alarm are

$$Q_d = 1 - (1 - P_d)^N$$

$$Q_f = 1 - (1 - P_f)^N$$

The cooperative missing probability is

$$Q_m = 1 - Q_d = (1 - P_d)^N = (P_m)^N$$

Where P_m is the missing probability of local sensing user.

3.5.1 AND Rule:

AND rule is just opposite to OR rule, in which the FC will declare the PU active only when all cooperative users

identify that the PU is present. Q_d and Q_f under AND rule are written as follows.

$$Q_d = (P_d)^N$$

$$Q_f = (P_f)^N$$

3.5.2 K-out-of-N rule :

K-out-of-N rule is a trade-off between OR rule and AND rule. In this rule, when more than K users show that the PU is active, the final decision of cooperative sensing is that the channel is occupied. So under K-out-of-N rule, the Q_d and Q_f are

$$Q_d = \sum_{i=K}^N \left[C_N^i (P_d)^i (1 - P_d)^{N-i} \right]$$

$$Q_f = \sum_{i=K}^N \left[C_N^i (P_f)^i (1 - P_f)^{N-i} \right]$$

The cooperative missing probability is

$$Q_m = (P_m)^N$$

Where P_m is the missing probability of local sensing user

IV. SIMULATION RESULTS

Covariance based detection

Table for covariance based detection

No of samples	Matrix size	T_1/T_2	Threshold	Signal status
32	8x8	2.7297	9.5008	Signal not present
64	2x2	2.6000	2.1455	Signal present
64	8x8	2.8028	4.6613	Signal not present
512	8x8	2.8101	1.6718	Signal present
1024	4x4	2.7391	1.3028	Signal present
1024	8x8	2.8511	1.4446	Signal present

EME:

Table for maximum minimum eigen value method

No of samples	SNR (dB)	$\lambda_{\max}/\lambda_{\min}$	Threshold $\text{Id}(\gamma_1)$	Signal status
32	35	-1.7862e+018	1.7025	Signal not present
1024	35	5.7361e+015	0.2684	Signal present
1024	200	-2.2698e+016	0.1157	Signal not present

MME:

Table for energy with minimum eigen value method

No of samples	SNR(dB)	$\lambda_{\max}/\lambda_{\min}$	Threshold(γ_1)	Signal status
32	35	-1.7862e+018	1.7025	Signal not present
1024	35	5.7361e+015	0.2684	Signal present
1024	200	-2.2698e+016	0.1157	Signal not present
512	25	1.0317e+016	0.3633	Signal present

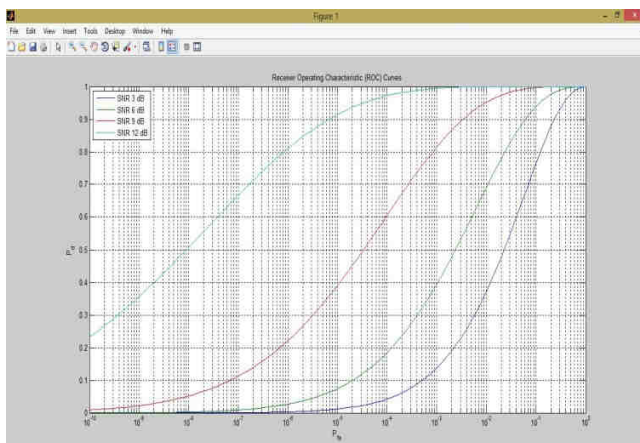


Fig 7.5 MME: PD V/S PF for different SNR value

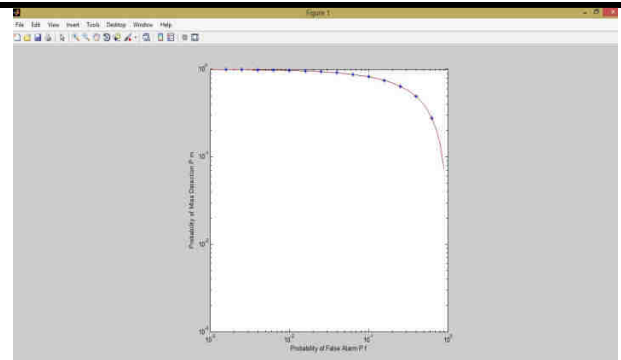


Fig 7.6: COOPERATIVE: PM V/S PF for single SNR value

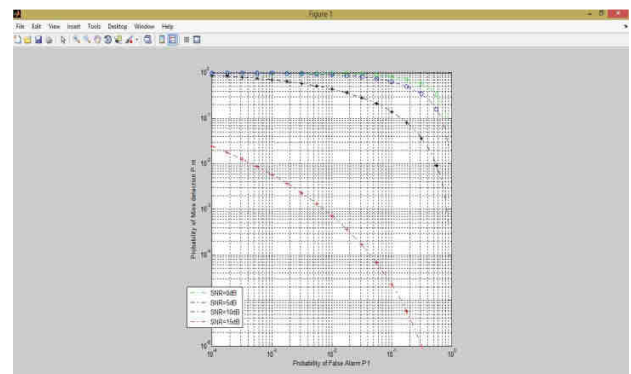


Fig. 7.7: COOPERATIVE: PM V/S PF for different SNR value

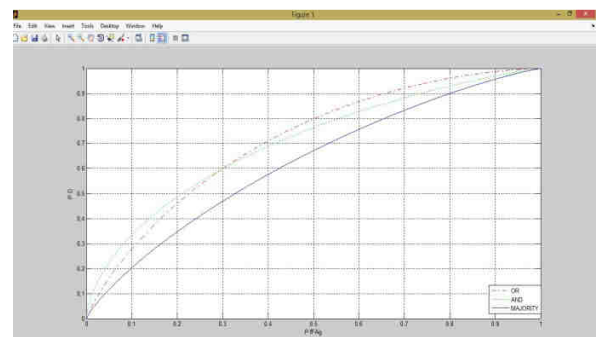


Fig.7.8: COOPERATIVE: PD V/S PF (AND, OR FUSION TECHNIQUE)

V. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, several blind spectrum sensing methods based on dimension analysis is explained in detail. Specifically, collaborative sensing is considered as a solution to problems in the presented sensing method. The sensing detector of spectrum space create new opportunities and challenges for this type of cooperative spectrum sensing while it solves some of the traditional problems. We also propose a new eigenvalue spectrum sensing algorithm based on covariance matrix. The ratio of the minimum eigenvalue

to noise power is used as test statistic the method need only noise power. The proposed method is better than maximum eigenvalue detection and the energy detection for correlated signals. By use of several parameters we have performed simulations investigated the detection time of the analysis.

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